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Gov. Sanford Re-Emphasizes Call for Voluntary Evacuation

Columbia, S.C. – September 5, 2008 – As the track of Tropical Storm Hanna has narrowed to what looks to be the Georgetown area, Governor Mark Sanford today issued a reminder to people in Horry, Georgetown, and now Charleston counties to consider evacuating if they're in mobile homes or campers, on property in low-lying areas or on property in wind-prone areas.

The most recent forecasts show Tropical Storm Hanna on a more westward track in its approach to the Carolina coast, with forecasts calling for 40 to 60 mile per hour winds and 4-5 inches of rain. When Hanna makes landfall in the early morning, officials are predicting 3-5 feet of storm surge on top of high tide, which could lead to moderate coastal flooding.

"With what we're seeing in this storm track, I'd again ask that people in mobile homes or campers, on property in low-lying areas or on property in wind prone areas to be prudent in their decision to evacuate," Gov. Sanford said. "This storm is almost certainly going to mean wind damage and power outages, so even if you're not in one of the more damage prone areas, it's incredibly important that everyone prepare in terms of having a full tank of gas, a storm kit and an evacuation plan as this and potentially other storms head our way in the future."

Highway Patrol officers have been deployed to key traffic points to monitor traffic. The American Red Cross has opened shelters in Horry, Georgetown, and Charleston counties.

Governor Sanford will be holding a brief conference call with members of the media this morning to discuss the state's ongoing response to Hanna. The conference call will be held at 11:45 this morning, and can be accessed by dialing (800) 768-2310. There is no corresponding access code.

Note: Space on this call is limited, so please limit callers to one per media outlet.

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